

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-40. (Cancelled).

~~41~~ (New) A method comprising:

- (a) providing a flow of fruit juice that is substantially free of insoluble fruit solids;
- (b) dividing the flow of fruit juice into at least a first juice stream, a second juice stream and a third juice stream;
- (c) treating the first juice stream to preferentially remove acidic compounds thereby creating an acids-enriched juice stream and an acids-reduced juice stream;
- (d) combining the acids-reduced juice stream with the second juice stream to create an acids-reduced fruit juice; and
- (e) combining the acids-enriched juice stream with the third juice stream ^{to} create an acids-enriched fruit juice.

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~~42~~ (New) The method of claim ~~41~~, further comprising concentrating the acids-enriched fruit juice by removing a portion of the water therein.

~~43~~ (New) The method of claim ~~41~~, further comprising concentrating the acids-reduced fruit juice by removing a portion of the water therein.

~~44~~ (New) The method of claim ~~41~~ wherein the fruit juice is cranberry juice.

~~45~~ (New) The method of claim ~~41~~ wherein the step of treating the first juice stream comprises nanofiltration.

~~46~~ (New) The method of claim ~~41~~ further comprising combining the acids-enriched fruit juice with a different fruit juice to generate a blended juice product.

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~~47~~ (New) The method of claim ~~41~~ further comprising combining the acids-reduced fruit juice with a different fruit juice to generate a blended juice product.

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~~48~~ (New) The method of claim ~~41~~ further comprising drying the acids-enriched fruit juice to generate an acids-enriched fruit juice powder.

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~~49~~ (New) The method of claim ~~41~~ further comprising drying the acids-reduced fruit juice to generate an acids-reduced fruit juice powder.

⁵⁰ (New) A method comprising:

(a) providing a flow of vegetable juice that is substantially free of insoluble vegetable solids;

(b) dividing the flow of vegetable juice into at least a first juice stream, a second juice stream and a third juice stream;

(c) treating the first juice stream to preferentially remove acidic compounds thereby creating an acids-enriched juice stream and an acids-reduced juice stream;

(d) combining the acids-reduced juice stream with the second juice stream to create an acids-reduced vegetable juice; and

(e) combining the acids-enriched juice stream with the third juice stream ^{to} _^ create an acids-enriched vegetable juice.

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~~51~~ (New) The method of claim ~~50~~, further comprising concentrating the acids-enriched vegetable juice by removing a portion of the water therein.

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~~52~~ (New) The method of claim ~~50~~, further comprising concentrating the acids-reduced vegetable juice by removing a portion of the water therein.

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~~53~~ (New) The method of claim ~~50~~ wherein the vegetable juice is tomato or pepper juice.

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~~54~~. (New) The method of claim ~~50~~ wherein the step of treating a first portion of the vegetable juice comprises nanofiltration.

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~~55~~. (New) The method of claim ~~50~~ further comprising combining the acids-enriched vegetable juice with a different vegetable juice to generate a blended juice product.

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~~56~~. (New) The method of claim ~~50~~ further comprising combining the acids-reduced vegetable juice with a different vegetable juice to generate a blended juice product.

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~~57~~. (New) The method of claim ~~50~~ further comprising drying the acids-enriched vegetable juice to generate an acids-enriched vegetable juice powder.

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~~58~~. (New) The method of claim ~~50~~ further comprising drying the acids-reduced vegetable juice to generate an acids-reduced vegetable juice powder.

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~~59~~. (New) The method of claim ~~41~~ wherein the step of dividing the flow of fruit juice into at least a first juice stream, a second juice stream and a third juice stream comprising passing the flow of fruit juice through a ration divert mechanism.

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~~60~~. (New) The method of claim ~~50~~ wherein the step of dividing the flow of vegetable juice into at least a first juice stream, a second juice stream and a third juice stream comprising passing the flow of fruit juice through a ration divert mechanism.

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~~61~~. (New) The method of claim ~~41~~ wherein the weight fraction of fruit juice in the first juice stream, a second juice stream and a third juice stream are not the same.